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1. WESTERN EMBOFF WHO TOURED KURDISH AREAS IN LATE MARCH COMPARED IMPRESSIONS WITH ME IN RECENT TALK. HIS ITINERARY WAS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH FORMED BASIS OF REPAIR, BUT HE WAS ALSO ABLE TO TRAVEL TO IRANIAN BORDER AT HAJ OMRAN.

2. MILITARY PRESENCE REMAINS EXTREMELY HEAVY IN DOHUK-AMADIYA SECTOR AND ERBIL-HAJ OMRAN SECTOR. ARMY IN DOHUK-AMADIYA SECTOR, WHILE STRIKING HIGH PROFILE, APPEARS TO BE STATIONED IN FAIRLY STATIC POSITIONS. BY CONTRAST, ARMY IS ON THE MOVE IN AREA FROM RAWANDUZ TO HAJ OMRAN. THIS TENDS TO BEAR OUT REPORTS WE HAVE HEARD THAT MAIN CONCENTRATION OF REMAINING GUERRILLAS IS IN EXTREMELY RUGGED CORNER OF IRAQ ADJECENT TO BOTH IRAN AND TURKEY. EMBOFF BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IRANIAN BORDER IS VIRTUALLY SEALED OFF TO INFILTRATION.
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3. EMBOFF DID NOT HAVE IMPRESSION THAT GUERRILLAS POSED SERIOUS SECURITY THREAT, BUT CIVILIAN TRAFFIC ON NORTHERN ROADS IS RARE AFTER DAYLIGHT HOURS. HIS ESTIMATE OF 200 ACTIVE GUERRILLAS IS PROBABLY ON THE LOW SIDE. THERE IS NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT KURDISH INSURRECTION RETAINS ANY MOMENTUM AT TIME

WHEN GOOD WEATHER NOW PERMITS MAJOR EFFORTS BY
ARMY TO TRACK DOWN REMNANTS OF PESH MERGA.

4. EMBOFF, WHOSE LAST TRIP TO KURDISH AREAS WAS IN
SUMMER OF 1977, BELIEVES THAT LOCAL ECONOMY IS MUCH
IMPROVED. NONETHELESS, HE REGARDS GOVERNMENT HOUSING
PROJECTS AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS AS ESSENTIAL TO BOTH
FULL EMPLOYMENT AND POLITICAL SECURITY.
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